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SACRAMENTO UPDATE – COUNTY-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the status of 13 proposals for legislative sponsorship, which the County is pursuing as part of 2009-10 Legislative Session. There are three carry-over proposals from the first year of the session, and the Sacramento advocates were able to secure authors for nine new proposals prior to the February 19, 2010 deadline for bill introductions. We were unable to find an author for one proposal. Each County-sponsored proposal is discussed below.

AB 87 (Davis) – Single-Use Carryout Bags. As amended on April 27, 2009, would prohibit grocery stores and other defined store categories from providing a single-use carryout bag, including a green carryout bag to a customer, unless the store charges a fee of not less than \$0.25 per bag at the point of sale. This bill died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee on January 21, 2010. According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee staff, AB 87 died as a result of concerns about program start-up costs for the new State Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery and because of the lack of desire in the Legislature to pursue new fees at this time.

AB 133 (Smyth) – Use of Bridges and Thoroughfares Fees. As amended on January 4, 2010, would: 1) authorize the County to use Bridges and Thoroughfares (B&T) District fees for a broader definition of construction, which is the same definition

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currently in place in San Diego and Orange Counties; and 2) allow a fund to be established within a B&T District benefit area for the construction of multiple bridge and thoroughfare projects. AB 133 passed out of the Assembly on January 19, 2010, by a vote of 71 to 0. The bill is currently awaiting a hearing in the Senate Local Government Committee.

AB 139 (Brownley) – Off-Site Board of Supervisors Meetings. As amended on January 14, 2010, would permit a county board of supervisors to hold one or more regular meetings of the board at locations other than the county seat. This bill passed out of the Assembly on January 25, 2010, by a vote of 57 to 0. The bill is currently awaiting a hearing in the Senate Committee on Local Government.

AB 2322 (Feuer) – Automated System for Sharing Client Information. As introduced on February 19, 2010, intends to remove barriers that restrict or limit information sharing between county departments authorized with the investigation, prevention, identification, management or treatment of child abuse or neglect. The measure is currently awaiting referral to a policy committee.

AB 2544 (Smyth) – Exemption From Hours-of-Service for Employees During Emergencies. As introduced on February 19, 2010, would allow employees, under the direction of a County Road Commissioner, a Chief Engineer, or a County Engineer, to be exempt from hours of service regulations during emergency to restore roads, maintain or restore public infrastructure, or restore or provide essential public services. This bill is currently awaiting referral to a policy committee.

AB 2554 (Brownley) – Changes to the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act. As introduced on February 19, 2010, would make technical changes to the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act. This measure is currently awaiting referral to a policy committee.

AB 2599 (Bass) – Martin Luther King, Jr. - Harbor Hospital/University of California Agreement. As introduced on February 19, 2010, would codify the agreement between Los Angeles County and the University of California to open a new hospital at the Martin Luther King, Jr. - Harbor Hospital campus. This bill cites legislative intent to ensure funding is provided to meet the health care needs of the South Los Angeles population. This measure is currently awaiting referral to a policy committee.

AB 2699 (Bass) – License Exemptions. As introduced on February 19, 2010, would provide exemptions from licensing requirements for out-of-state licensed health care practitioners to provide short-term, in-state volunteer medical and dental services for

uninsured or underinsured persons. This measure is currently awaiting referral to a policy committee.

SB 179 (Runner) – Termination of Parental Rights. As amended on April 14, 2009, would streamline the Termination of Parental Rights appeals process by reducing the time period for a birth parent to file an appeal from 60 days to 30 days after the Juvenile Court orders the termination. This measure is currently in the Assembly Judiciary Committee.

SB 878 (Liu) – Enhanced Homeowner Notification Program. As introduced on January 12, 2010, would enhance the County's existing homeowner notification program to authorize the County to provide notification to homeowners subject to a notice of default or a notice of sale, including lawful occupants of the property. In addition, it would authorize the County to collect a fee for notification upon the recording of a notice of default or a notice of sale. This measure is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee awaiting a hearing date.

SB 894 (Senate Local Government Committee Omnibus Bill) – Change Orders on County Construction Contracts. As introduced on January 25, 2010, is an omnibus bill that contains four County-sponsored proposals related to change orders on construction contracts which would: 1) raise the limit on change orders for public works contracts in excess of \$250,000 that county supervisors may delegate to county officials from \$150,000 to \$210,000; 2) authorize a county board of supervisors to delegate authority to approve change orders on county bridge and subway construction contracts to county officers up to \$210,000; 3) authorize a county board of supervisors, acting as a county waterworks district's governing board, to delegate to the district manager or other district official the authority to approve change orders on construction contracts up to \$210,000; and 4) allow the County Board of Supervisors to delegate to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's chief engineer or other District officer the authority to approve change orders on construction contracts up to \$210,000. The rest of the provisions contained in SB 894 do not affect the County. This measure is currently awaiting a hearing date in the Senate Local Government Committee.

SB 994 (Price) – Special Elections Reimbursement. As introduced on February 9, 2010, would require the State to reimburse counties for elections to fill State and Federal legislative vacancies. This proposal would add provisions requiring that all expenses incurred to conduct elections called by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator, Member of the Assembly, United States Senator or Representative in Congress be paid by the State. This measure is currently in the Senate Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments Committee awaiting a hearing.

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Legislative Proposal Unable to Secure Authorship

Use of Condoms in the Adult Film Industry. The Sacramento advocates and two co-sponsors, the AIDS Healthcare Foundation and San Francisco AIDS Foundation sought an author to require adult film companies to: 1) have performers in the Adult Film Industry use condoms; 2) provide and pay for HIV and sexually transmitted disease testing and vaccination for performers; and 3) develop written health and safety programs for performers at film production worksites.

Since 2009, the Sacramento advocates and co-sponsors approached 13 members of the Los Angeles County Delegation and seven Bay Area and Northern California members; however, each member declined authorship.

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